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SUBJ: ACCRDITATION OF KHMER AMBASSADOR: GKR RELATIONS

WITH CHILE

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- 1. ON JANUARY 31 WE PASSED ON TO KHMER DEPUTY PERM REP MADAME PENG SUBSTANCE REFTEL A. WE ALSO MENTIONED TO MADAME PENG OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT FOREIGN MINISTER HAD DECIDED AMBASSADOR VUTTHI SHOULD MAINTAIN NEW YORK AS PLACE OF RESIDENCE RATHER THAN BOGOTA.
- 2. MADAME PENG REPORTED SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT SITUATION. SHE SAID CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS PERMIT VUTTHI TO HAVE "JOINT, CONCURRENT RESIDENCES" IN BOTH NEW YORK AND BOGOTA. HERE INTERPRETATION IS THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO FORMAL CHANGE IN RESIDENCE BUT RATHER THAT, TO FACILITATE EARLY CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCREDITATION IN ECUADOR, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND HAITI, HE

(VUTTHI) CAN STRESS NEW YORK AS PLACE OF RESIDENCE, PENDING ACCREDITATION IN BOGOTA.

- 3. ECUADOR HAS INFORMED GKR IT WILL ACCEPT VUTTHI'S PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS ON MARCH 4. VUTTHI IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART NEW YORK FEB 23 FOR QUITO AND PLANS A FEW DAYS STOP-OVER IN BOGOTA.
- 4. AMBASSADOR DOMINICI (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC) HAS INFORMED GKR MISSION THAT HE LAST WEEK ENDORSED VUTTHI'S REQUEST THAT SANTO DOMINAGO SET EARLY DATE FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS.
- 5. AMBASSADOR SICLAIT (HAITI) IS NOW IN PORT-AU-PRINCE. SICLAIT TOLD VUTTHI THAT HE WOULD WORK FOR EARLY DATE FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS TO HAITI. MADAME PENG SAID HAITI MISSION THIS WEEK PROMISED TO REMIND SICLAIT OF THIS COMMITMENT.
- 6. RE GKR RELATIONS WITH CHILE, WE PROVIDED MADAME PENG WITH EMBASSY SANTIAGO ASSESSMENT (REFTEL B), STRESSING JUDGMENT THAT CHILE PROBABLY SHOULD NOT BE PRESSED TOMOVE TOO FAST ON RELATIONS AND THAT CONTINUING CONTACTS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON WOULD BE BEST COURSE FOR PRESENT. MADAME PENG SAID THAT KHMER HERE HAD ALREADY ARRIVED AT SAME CONCLUSION. SCALI

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